

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010***

***Present: Selectmen: Rosanne Gilbert, Wes Moore, and Michael Woodworth. Others present included: Amy Sununu, Gordon Fowler, Clay Mitchell, Bob Coffey, Dave Walker, Sue McKinnon, Karen Nieman, and Dan Mortimer.***

***Call to order: 5:37 by Chairman Gilbert.***

The Selectmen are changing their meeting schedule to the first and third Tuesday of each month. They are not meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>, but will meet on May 25<sup>th</sup> instead.

Amy Sununu met with the Selectmen to discuss the Memorial Day Parade.

A resident made a complaint about the Library charging for garden plots. Any complaints received in the Town Office about the gardens will be referred to Kim Crisp, Library Trustee. In the meantime, Rosanne will speak with the insurance company to make sure that the rented gardens are covered.

Diana Toth did not attend the meeting as scheduled.

Gordon Fowler met with the Selectmen to discuss the repairs to the chimney flashing after the wind and rainstorm in February. The damage was a result of the wind cupping and bending the flashing. Water got in where the flashing was disturbed and also through the chimney. He reshaped the flashing and geo-sealed all of the seams. No shingles were damaged. Gordon will repair the flu at the old post office building and spray a protective coating on the Town Hall chimney at no charge.

The following items were signed: checks, an Elderly Exemption, an Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, correspondence to the New Hampshire Retirement System, a Town Hall Rental Agreement, and an Abatement Request which was denied.

Chief Reed will be asked to file for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant in addition to the Federal Emergency Management Assistance claim to rebuild Bald Hill Road in the area where it repeatedly floods.

Clay Mitchell prepared a draft mission summary for the Newfields Energy Commission. He asked that the Selectmen review it and make changes as necessary.

Bob Coffey and Dave Walker spoke about reducing electricity costs. Municipalities are now able to choose their electricity provider. It appears that there are substantial savings by changing from PSNH. Rosanne suggested that they meet with the Newfields School Board and the Newfields Village Water & Sewer District to discuss the potential savings. Bob and Dave showed a sample KVAR Energy Controller which reduces electrical energy consumption. These are available to the public. Bob and Dave will return at a later date.

Sue McKinnon spoke about a property owner's outstanding taxes. The property owner claims they were paid and Sue does not have any record of payment.

The Town Office received a call that a logging operation was taking place on Evergreen Court and Meadow Road. A logging skidder caused damage to a swale and the road. No Intent To Cut forms were filed at the Town Office.

Sue spoke about the school ballots and who should be paying for them. It is not in the Town's budget to pay for the school's ballots so they should be invoiced for their ballots and half of the shipping costs.

Sue will be taking Fridays off as vacation time.

The town received a copy of The New Hampshire Municipal Conservation Fund Guidebook.

Painting of the cupola will be put on hold for the time being. We will check the finances in the fall to see if there are funds available for this.

The State of New Hampshire informed the Town that the Highway Block Grant will decrease by \$10,000. this year.

Letters to employees with Health Insurance about an increase in their co-payment were approved and will be given to the employees with their next paycheck.

Instead of the replacing the Town Office door, it can be repaired for \$50.00. Permission is given to Ray Buxton to repair the door. An estimate was received to turn the marquee. It did not include the cost of the strips and letters. Once a price is received, a decision will be made on whether or not to turn the marquee.

An invoice was received from Flynn's Oil and was discussed.

The Town Office has received numerous inquiries about a town clean up day. The spring and fall cleanups have been eliminated due to the high cost. Residents are able to use the Newmarket Transfer Station.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

The logging issue was discussed again.

Rosanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer  
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